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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Assistant to the DDI (NSC-NE)

SUBJECT:

Report to NSC on the Foreign
Intelligence Program

REFERENCE:

Your memorandum of 19 July with
attached draft of subject report

1. My "quick reactions" as requested are as follows:

(a) Procedural-- I sense from your covering memorandum to DDI (and from your editorial note to Section VII) that there is some doubt as to whether the current report should be long or short. The last report submitted (appearing as NSC 5407, Part 8, which was circulated as IAC-D-55/6 (Final)) had an editorial note (p. 1) that:

"This report states the most significant changes which occurred during the period June 30-December 31, 1953; it supplements the full report on the status of the program on June 30, 1953, issued as No. 9, NSC 161." (The 30 June 1953 report was circulated as IAC-D-55/4 (Final), 25 August 1953.)

My recommendation is that the current report be treated as an annual report, comparable to the one submitted a year ago, and with an editorial note to that effect, tying this report into the supplementary report submitted six months ago. Incidentally, I trust that the current report, when finally produced, will be circulated by the IAC Secretary in the IAC-D-55 series, perhaps as "55/7."

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(b) Substantive--I note in the section on "military intelligence," paragraph 1, that G-2 is again putting forward its old wheeze that "a substantial reduction of these major deficiencies will depend largely on an increase in the scope and efficiency of clandestine collection of military intelligence and on the development of new collection techniques." For past history on this subject please consult IAC-D-55/6 (Second Revision), 10 February 1954, page 5, where alternative statements on this point are set forth. The statement then preferred by the military is there set forth at the bottom of the page and is like the one quoted above. This phrasing was rejected (see IAC-D-55/6 (Final), 2 March 1954, page 4, paragraph V-1). I recommend that the current draft substitute for the words "clandestine collection of military intelligence" the words "all intelligence collection operations." I believe the current phrasing would be as unacceptable to the DCI and General Cabell as it was six months ago, perhaps even more so now that the Director has sent the JIC agencies his proposed DCID 5/1 bearing upon this very problem. While that DCID is pending negotiation, it would be doubly unfortunate to allow the military agencies to take this passing crack at FI.

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